



## **Indo-Canadian Community Centre Inc.**

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### **ICCC Annual General Body Meeting**

**Saturday – July 27, 2019 (2:00- 5:00 PM)**

**East India Company Restaurant - 1993 Robertson Road, Ottawa.**

### **Minutes of Meeting**

Kanwal (Ken) Talwar, President presided. Chan Chandramouli, Secretary scribed the proceedings. 31 members present & 32 proxies counted. Quorum criteria met & president called the meeting to order.

President thanked members present for attending the AGM. He introduced the board members, ICCC programs chairs, recognized the presence of MP Chandra Arya and other past presidents. He displayed a list of new life members. It was noted that 2 life members (Raj Chadha & Roshan Sachdeva) had passed away since the previous AGM and a minute of silence was observed as prayer for the departed souls.

#### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

President requested new items and approval of the meeting Agenda. Prabir Neogi moved a motion and Surinder Chhura seconded the motion to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 AGM & Three (3) SGMs (23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019)**

Ken Talwar proposed that individual motion should be introduced for each meeting and passed, subsequent to a quick review and discussions as needed. Accordingly, the following motions were tabled for approval with proposer and seconder shown in parentheses: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018 AGM (Nand Tandon & Rakesh Dogra), 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 SGM (Prabir Neogi, Vasdev Aggarwal), 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019 SGM (Anil

Agrawal, Nirmala Chopra) & 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 SGM (Prabir Neogi, Virbala Acharya). All motions individually approved unanimously.

### **3. President's Report**

In the first part of his report Kanwal Talwar covered ICCC mandate, vision, mission, strategy - elaborating on Hubs objectives (Virtual, Spiritual, Sports, Physical), various ICCC Programs, events collaborated (Pravasi Bharathiya Divas day where ICCC led the event with the help of several India friendly organizations & HCI) , ICCC's own events (successful Gala, scholarship award for 10 youths in Ottawa community, volunteer recognition), charitable projects (Kerala Flood Relief, Compassionate Ottawa and others). In addition, the regular activities of ICCC Seniors (weekly meet, Picnic, Trip, Seminars), Social Network of Women (S.N.O.W - Int. Women's Day & fundraising), Speaker's Forum were held.

Beant Barewal asked the President if ICCC was coordinating with all the organizations listed in the Hub & Spokes chart. Ken Talwar responded that ICCC wishes to maintain 2-way interaction with all the interested parties and collaborate in joint or individual events. Prabir Neogi pointed out the excellent rapport between ICCC Seniors' & Deshantari Seniors' wherein they hold joint events, share knowledge of grants process, etc. Ken Talwar pointed out the success of 2019 Pravasi Bharathiya Diwas Day, which was celebrated using this model.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> part, President described actions which need to be addressed going forward. These include Virtual Hub enhancements (strengthening social media presence, chat forums, and other initiatives), increasing profile with Sports Hub (sponsoring trophies for cricket, field hockey tournament, more formal collaboration, explore similar participation for other sports), the on-going community centre rental & own property search, etc. He also pointed out the challenges faced – aging membership, lack of interest from the next generation, limited volunteer resources. He suggested that the membership can help in several dimensions: active participation in ICCC events, help to grow the Community Directory, bring in new life members. Nirmala Chopra asked about rental project's progress. The President mentioned that the project is progressing, but at a slow pace due to multiple stakeholders, bureaucracy, and other factors. ICCC is still hopeful that a sub-lease will be in place with most of our initial needs satisfied.

He concluded his presentation by thanking the numerous volunteers who helped ICCC to carry out various programs and events. In particular, he recognized the valuable contribution of Anil Agrawal (Virtual Hub), Anil Sukhija (ICCC Seniors') & the board members. Nand Tandon remarked that ICCC gained much visibility & profile in the community thanks to ICCC Seniors' and he praised Anil Sukhija for his leadership, dedication.

#### **4. ICCC Financial Statement-2018**

President invited Chan Chandramouli to present the Treasurer's report. He began by reviewing 2018 Financial Statement in full details through Assets & Liabilities, Revenues and Expenses. On the Kerala Flood Relief charity project, several comments & questions were raised by members, specifically channeling arrangement with the Hindu Society of Ottawa Carleton (HSOC) & project selection/execution in Kerala. Shiv Jindal cautioned that CRA has very stringent conditions on how funds raised in Canada are allocated to international situations. Ken Talwar mentioned that HSOC is on the CRA approved list for international participation and they also provided complete project details to the key stakeholders (ICCC, Eapen Koshy) in Canada. Notwithstanding, some members emphasized that ICCC has a moral obligation to all the donors ensuring funds are used for legitimate causes. Ram Sahi suggested that the board should prepare a summary report and issue to the donors and ICCC members. Beant Barewal appreciated the detailed 2018/2017 comparison of revenue and expense items on Page 3 and suggested on Page 2, the reporting of Assets & Liabilities should have included Capital info as a separate entity. This comment would be addressed in future statements.

Chan thanked Anil Agrawal for the valuable assistance provided towards managing the financial tracking and 2018 financial statement preparation. Nand Tandan moved (and seconded by Nirmala Chopra) that the 2018 financial statement be accepted by the members. All agreed and the 2018 financial report was formally accepted.

The meeting took a 10-15 minutes break for beverage/snacks/socializing and resumed again.

#### **5. Election of the New Board**

Kanwal Talwar requested Rekha Dogra, Chair of the Nomination Committee to conduct this agenda item. Rekha invited fellow member Bhagwan Gupta to announce the received nominations and the tenure for each person (listed below):

- Kanwal Talwar, Rekha Dogra, Chan Chandramouli (3-years);
- Chandra Vaidyanathan, Sudesh Kanda, Virbala Acharya (2-years);
- Prabir Neogi, Virendra Bharti, Vasdev Aggarwal (1 year);

Bhagwan Gupta announced that as per the amended by-laws, no further nominations (including from the floor) can be accepted and thus the nomination is closed. Subsequently, Sarita Jindal moved (seconded by Nand Tandan) that the above slate of candidates be declared elected as the new board of directors of ICCC. Motion passed unanimously.

Naveen Patni moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Rakesh Dogra. Motion carried. The meeting concluded at 5pm.